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TITLE OF INVENTION: IP TELEPHONE SYSTEM

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/028,781	FALLAHI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	WALTER F. BRINEY III		2615

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 10 April 2008.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-36.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
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 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

5 Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Theodore A. Wood, Reg. No. 52,374 on 16 July 2008.

Amendment

The application has been amended as follows:

10 1. A communications device, comprising: a substrate having an input and an output that are capable of being connected to a communications network; a relay including native devices, disposed on said substrate and connected between said input and said output of said substrate; and a switchable termination resistor having a switch component and a resistor component, disposed on said substrate and coupled to said input of said substrate, having an impedance capable of providing a termination for an external circuit that is disposed external to said substrate, said external circuit also connected to said input of said substrate; wherein said relay is closed when no power is applied to said relay

15 20 communications device; and

wherein (i) gates of said native devices are grounded when power is applied to said ~~relay communications device~~ and (ii) a drain and a source of said native devices are held at a supply voltage level, the grounding thereby opening said relay.

5 3. The communications device of claim 2, wherein said native FET device is conductive when approximately zero volts is applied to a gate of said native FET device.

4. The communications device of claim 3, further comprising a rectifying circuit, an input of said rectifying circuit coupled to said input of said external circuit and an
10 output of said rectifying circuit connected to said gate of said native FET device, said rectifying circuit configured to rectify an input signal received at said input of said external circuit and produce a rectified voltage that is applied to said gate of said native FET device.

15 5. The communications device of claim 4, wherein said rectifying circuit includes a second native FET device having one of a source and a drain coupled to an input of said external circuit, and the other of said source and said drain coupled to said gate of said native FET device, a gate of said second native FET device also coupled to said input of said substrate.

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6. The communications device of claim 5, further comprising a gate grounding device coupled to a gate of said second native FET device, said gate grounding device

capable of grounding said gate of said second native FET device when a voltage is applied to said substrate.

7. The communications device of claim 6, wherein said gate grounding device
5 includes a FET, a gate of said FET coupled to said voltage applied to said substrate, a drain of said FET coupled to a gate of said second native FET device, and a source of said FET coupled to ground.

8. The communications device of claim 4, further comprising a switch connected
10 in series between said output of said rectifying circuit and said gate of said native FET device, said switch capable of disconnecting said rectifying circuit from said gate of said native FET device when a voltage is applied to said substrate.

9. The communications device of claim 4, further comprising a gate grounding
15 device coupled to a gate of said native FET device, said gate grounding device grounding said gate of said native FET device when a voltage is applied to said substrate.

10. The communications device of claim 9, wherein said gate grounding device
includes a FET, a gate of said FET coupled to said voltage applied to said substrate, a
20 drain of said FET coupled to a gate of said native FET device, and a source of said FET coupled to ground.

34. A communications device, comprising: a substrate having an input and an output connectable to a communications network;

a relay including native devices, disposed on said substrate and connected between said input and said output of said substrate,

5 wherein said relay is substantially closed when no power is applied to said ~~relay~~ communications device and;

wherein (i) gates of said native devices are grounded when power is applied to said ~~relay~~ communications device and (ii) a drain and a source of said native devices are held at a supply voltage level, the grounding thereby opening said relay; and

10 a switchable termination resistor, disposed on said substrate and coupled to said input of said substrate, having an impedance that provides a termination for an external circuit that is disposed external to said substrate, said external circuit also connected to said input of said substrate.

Allowable Subject Matter

15 The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

1. Claims 1-36 are allowed.

Claim 1 is limited to a communications device. This claim requires 1) a substrate, 2) a relay and 3) a switchable termination. These three limitations remain unchanged by Applicant's instant amendment, however, this claim now requires that the 20 drain and source of the relay's native devices are held at a supply voltage level during the time the gates of the native devices are grounded and power is applied to the communications device. To the contrary, McCormack discloses a diode 72 that

corresponds to the claimed relay. (Final Rejection 4, 06 April 2007). According to the teachings of *Campardo*, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's invention would have embodied diode 72 using a native device. Moreover, *Tihanyi* would have made obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of Applicant's 5 invention grounding the gate of the native device used to embody diode 72. However, these prior art teachings never disclose, suggest or teach holding the drain and source of a native device embodying a diode at a supply voltage level. Thus, this claim is allowable over the cited prior art.

Claim 34 is instantly amended by this Examiner Amendment to include the 10 allowable limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, this claim is allowable over the cited prior art for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 2-14 and 35-36 depend from claims 1 and 34, so they are allowable over the cited prior art for the same reasons as their respective parent claim.

Claims 15-33 are allowable over the cited prior art for reasons already of record. 15 (Non-Final Rejection 4, 10 January 2008).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WALTER F. BRINEY III whose telephone number is (571)272-7513. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am - 4:30pm.

5 If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Suhan Ni can be reached on (571) 272-7505. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Walter F. Briney III/
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